REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claims 1-62 were originally submitted.

Claims 12-62 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 4 and 8 were previously amended.

Claims 1 and 8 are currently amended.

Claims 1-11 remain pending in this application.

Examiner Interview

A telephone interview took place with Examiner Eric Woods and Emmanuel Rivera on May 15, 2006 to discuss claim amendments to overcome the cited references. It is agreed that the amended claims in the listing of claims will result in withdrawal of the rejections in the Action. A "request for continued examination" (RCE) is filed with this response.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims 1-11 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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